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March 25, 2024

The regular scheduled monthly board meeting was held on Monday, March 25, 2024 at 6:30pm. The meeting was held in the small conference room at the village hall. Acting village president, Mike Moyers called the meeting to order at 6:30pm and opened with a word of prayer.

Roll Call was as follows: Kelly Bate, present; Rob Blondi, present via phone due to illness until 6:54pm; Joe Burgess, absent; Gale Burzynski, present; Scott Dagner, absent; Dave Kent, absent until 6:54pm; Mike Moyers, present and village treasurer, Chris Scroggins, present.

Kelly Bate made a motion to approve the February 26, 2024 regular board meeting minutes and the February 26, 2024 executive meeting minutes. Second was given by Gale Burzynski. Motion carried. All yeas.

At this time the meeting was moved to "Old Business" regarding the bids for the water tower project. Rodney Potts, the village engineer from PSC Engineers presented the bids to the board that were received. The bids were as follows: Hogan's Inc., Van Buren, MO for \$155,764.12 and Trikote, Pacific, MO for \$196,000.00. Kelly Bate made a motion to accept the bid from Hogan's Inc. and Gale Burzynski seconded the motion carried. All yeas.

Rodney also addressed under "Old Business" the water line repair needed on State Highway 148. He said he would get an estimate on the cost to fix it and report back to Mike for the next meeting.

Under correspondence, a resident asked the village board if the village had any ordinance regarding squatters in the village. Mike said he did not think the village did and would look into it. The resident also addressed kids trespassing into a vacant, unsafe building. Mike stated the owner had been contacted about the unsafe and vacant building. Another resident mentioned stray dogs running loose. Mike stated we have a contract with Franklin County Animal control now and to contact them.

Chris Scroggins presented the claims report of bills from February 26 to March 25, 2024. Chris went over this report in detail. Chris also presented the board financial statements as of February 29, 2024. A motion was made by Gale Burzynski to accept these reports and pay the claims. Second was given by Kelly Bate. Motion carried. All yeas.



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At 6:54 pm Dave Kent arrived to the meeting and Rob Blondi left the meeting via telephone due to illness.

At this time the meeting was moved to "New Business", Reg Ankrom from SIMEC presented amendments A & B to the master agreement on electric aggregation with Homefield Energy. He explained this would give Homefield Energy more flexibility in getting the village a more competitive price for electricity. Gale Burzynski made a motion to accept the amendments to the contract. Kelly Bate seconded the motion. Motion carried. All yeas.

Acting village president, Mike Moyers presented the fire department report. They had 4 calls; 1 medical emergency lift assist, 1 illegal burn, 1 mutual aid and 1 power line down.

Mike reported for street/alley they had replaced a tile on Johnson St and Benedict St.

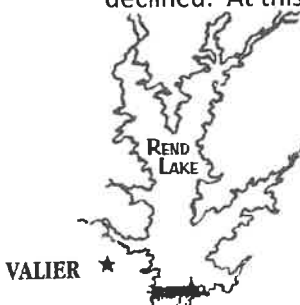
There was no police report this month.

Kelly Bate made a motion to accept the committee reports. Gale Burzynski seconded the motion. Motion carried. All yeas.

Under new business, Mike discussed needing a roof repair in the large conference room of the community building. He stated a pipe had busted over a vent. At this time, he feels like the village can fix it for now with tar patch but will most likely have to look at replacing it next year.

Mike presented a bid from Novacom for a police battery, repeater and other equipment for the police car. This is something that is needed and required. The bid was \$4,931.00. Johnathan had also asked for a 2024 Illinois Criminal Offense Guide for \$250.00 to make sure he is writing violations correctly. Kelly Bate made a motion to purchase these items. Dave Kent seconded the motion. Motion carried. All yeas.

Next on the agenda was the appointment of a village treasurer as Chris did not want to retain that title. He stated he wanted to be a contractual CPA for the village. The individual that the village was possibly going to appoint did not feel she was qualified when looking at the duties of the job and respectively declined. At this time, the matter was tabled and Chris agreed to retain the title as village treasurer.



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Mike presented an idea of waiving tap on fees for water and sewer for any new homes or modular homes on new foundation in the village. After much discussion, it was decided to table this to a future meeting when more details could be outlined as to the requirements for this.

A motion to adjourn was made by Kelly Bate. Gale Burzynski seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:41pm.



Gina Shurtz, Village Clerk

